

DONKEYS

"Look, donkeys!
A whole field of them."
The excited child was right.
As I stared from the train window
I shared her delight.
There was indeed
a most wonderful sight.
A whole field of donkeys!

TEA CEREMONY

It is true that the tea ceremony
appears both civilized and elegant.
Yet it is not the tea ceremony
but the ceremony of washing up
that provides the peace and contentment.

-- Raymond Tong

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METEOROLOGICAL

What's so beautiful about
Chicago weather
is the way each season
hangs on
endlessly
like making sure the next season
is in full control
before letting up. So
what happens is
you get up one morning
shovel eight inches of snow
off the front steps
have some soup and crackers
then it's exhibition baseball
on the radio
the White Sox hammer the Pirates
12 to 10. I
take a shower
and go to the hockey game
in a driving rain storm.